



# News Release

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## **Bellevue nursing assistant's license reinstated, placed on probation**

**OLYMPIA** — The Department of Health reinstated the credential of registered nursing assistant Benson M. Mbichire (NR.00182544) and put the credential on probation for at least 12 months.

In September 2012 Mbichire's credential was immediately suspended based on charges that he abandoned a patient. He was convicted in King County District Court of third-degree abandonment of a dependent person, a gross misdemeanor. Police found one of Mbichire's patients walking disoriented in a neighboring yard. Mbichire was asleep and under the influence of alcohol.

Mbichire must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program and can only work as a nursing assistant where he will be directly supervised.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Nursing Assistant Program regulates certified nursing assistants and registered nursing assistants in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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